### Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 50546 ZEPHYR WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION RN101205524

Docket No. 2015-0744-PWS-E

### **Order Type:**

Findings Agreed Order

### **Findings Order Justification:**

Three or more enforcement actions (NOVs, orders, etc.) over the prior five year period for the same violation(s).

### Media:

**PWS** 

### **Small Business:**

Yes

### Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Zephyr Water Supply Corporation, located one mile northwest of Zephyr on Highway 183, Brown County

### Type of Operation:

Public water system

### **Other Significant Matters:**

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: September 4, 2015

Comments Received: No

# Penalty Information

**Total Penalty Assessed:** \$351

**Amount Deferred for Disinfection Byproducts for Eligible Systems: \$351** 

**Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: \$0** 

**Total Paid to General Revenue:** \$0 **Total Due to General Revenue:** \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

# Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") Conditional Offset: \$0

Name of SEP: N/A

# **Compliance History Classifications:**

Person/CN - N/A Site/RN - N/A

Major Source: Yes

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A Applicable Penalty Policy: April 2014

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## Investigation Information

**Complaint Date(s):** N/A

**Complaint Information**: N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: April 27, 2015

**Date(s) of NOE(s):** May 8, 2015

### **Violation Information**

Failed to comply with the maximum contaminant level ("MCL") of 0.080 milligrams per liter for total trihalomethanes ("TTHM"), based on the locational running annual average [30 Tex. Admin. Code § 290.115(f)(1) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 341.0315(c)].

### Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

### **Corrective Action(s) Completed:**

N/A

### **Technical Requirements:**

The Order will require the Respondent to:

- a. Within 90 days, begin negotiating a water purchase contract that will enable the Facility to comply with the MCL for TTHM within 1,095 days;
- b. Within 105 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with a.;
- c. Within 1,095 days, return to compliance with the MCL for TTHM based on the locational running annual average; and
- d. Within 1,110 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with c.

In lieu of a. through d.:

e. Within 120 days, complete a feasibility study, or update an existing feasibility study, and submit a written report or engineering study conducted by a Texas registered professional engineer regarding the results of the feasibility study to evaluate the necessary corrective actions designed to achieve compliance with the MCL for TTHM. The report shall include a tentative schedule describing additional studies, tests, or other methods that may be utilized for the completion of necessary corrective actions within 1,095 days. If the Respondent purchases or sells water, a copy of the purchase water contract must be submitted with the feasibility study report or engineering study;

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- f. Within 135 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with e.;
- g. Within 180 days, submit an acceptable written plan, including a proposed schedule, to the Executive Director that provides for the completion of an alternate water source or treatment technology;
- h. Within 180 days, and on a semi-annual basis thereafter, submit progress reports. These reports shall include information regarding actions taken to provide water which meets the MCL for TTHM;
- i. Within 195 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with g.;
- j. Within 1,095 days, return to compliance with the MCL for TTHM based on the locational running annual average; and
- k. Within 1,110 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with j.

### Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: N/A Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A **SOAH Referral Date:** N/A **Hearing Date(s):** N/A **Settlement Date:** N/A

### **Contact Information**

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: James Boyle, Enforcement Division,

Enforcement Team 3, MC 169, (512) 239-2527; Candy Garrett, Enforcement Division,

MC 219, (512) 239-1456

TCEQ SEP Coordinator: N/A

**Respondent:** Richard Gist, Board President, ZEPHYR WATER SUPPLY

CORPORATION, P.O. Box 722, Zephyr, Texas 76890-0722

**Respondent's Attorney:** N/A

Notes

**PAYABLE PENALTY** 

\$351

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No deferral is recommended for Findings Orders.

Screening Date 14-May-2015

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Respondent ZEPHYR WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

**Case ID No.** 50546

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101205524

Media [Statute] Public Water Supply

Enf. Coordinator Gregory Zychowski

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014) PCW Revision March 26, 2014

### **Compliance History Worksheet**

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NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (number of NOVs meeting criteria)	3	15%	
	Other written NOVs	1	2%	
	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)	0	0%	
Orders	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%	
Judgments and Consent	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria)	0	0%	
Decrees	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%	
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (number of counts)	0	0%	
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	0	0%	
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which notices were submitted)	0	0%	
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	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	. 0%	
Other	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%	
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%	
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	Gregory Zychowski	Enf. Coordinator
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# **ŒQ** Compliance History Report

PUBLISHED Compliance History Report for CN600649685, RN101205524, Rating Year 2014 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2009, through August 31, 2014.

Customer, Respondent, CN600649685, ZEPHYR WATER SUPPLY Classification: NOT APPLICABLE

Rating: N/A

or Owner/Operator: **Regulated Entity:** 

RN101205524, ZEPHYR WATER SUPPLY

Classification: NOT APPLICABLE

Rating: N/A

**Complexity Points:** 

N/A

Repeat Violator: N/A

CH Group:

14 - Other

Location:

ONE MILE NORTHWEST OF ZEPHYR ON HIGHWAY 183, BROWN COUNTY, TEXAS

TCEQ Region:

**REGION 03 - ABILENE** 

ID Number(s):

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY REGISTRATION 0250019

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2009 to August 31, 2014

Rating Year: 2014

Rating Date: 09/01/2014

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: May 13, 2015

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: May 13, 2010 to May 13, 2015

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding This Compliance History.

Name: Greg Zychowski

Phone: (512) 239-3158

#### Site and Owner/Operator History:

1) Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period?

YES NO

2) Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period?

3) If **YES** for #2, who is the current owner/operator?

N/A

4) If YES for #2, who was/were the prior

N/A

owner(s)/operator(s)?

5) If YES, when did the change(s) in owner or operator N/A occur?

### Components (Multimedia) for the Site Are Listed in Sections A - J

A. Final Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees:

B. Criminal convictions:

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

N/A

D. The approval dates of investigations (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

N/A

#### E. Written notices of violations (NOV) (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

A notice of violation represents a written allegation of a violation of a specific regulatory requirement from the commission to a regulated entity. A notice of violation is not a final enforcement action, nor proof that a violation has actually occurred.

1 Date:

10/15/2014 (1215525)

CN600649685

Self Report? NO

Classification:

Moderate

Citation:

30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.115(f)(1)

Description:

TTHM LRAA MCL 3Q2014 - During the third quarter of 2014 the system violated the maximum contaminant level for trihalomethanes with a LRAA of .105 mg/L at

10701 HWY 84 183 E (DBP2-01).

2

Date:

12/16/2014 (1215525)

CN600649685

Self Report? NO

Classification:

Moderate

Citation:

30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.115(f)(1)

Description:

TTHM LRAA MCL 402014 - During the fourth quarter of 2014 the system violated the maximum contaminant level for trihalomethanes with a LRAA of .106 mg/L at

10701 HWY 84 183 E (DBP2-01).

3

Date: 01/12/2015 (1215818)

Self Report? NO

CN600649685

Classification:

Classification:

Moderate

Citation:

30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.110(b)(2)

Description:

Failure to maintain the required minimum disinfection residual.

4

Date:

04/28/2015 (1248130)

CN600649685

Moderate

Citation:

Self Report? NO

30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.115(f)(1)

Description:

TTHM LRAA MCL1Q2015 - During the 1st quarter of 2015 the system violated the maximum contaminant level for trihalomethanes with a LRAA of 0.119 mg/L at

10701 Hwy 84 183E (DBP2-01).

#### F. Environmental audits:

N/A

#### G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs):

#### H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates:

#### I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program:

#### J. Early compliance:

#### **Sites Outside of Texas:**

N/A

#### **Component Appendices**

#### Appendix A

#### All NOVs Issued During Component Period 5/13/2010 and 5/13/2015

1 Date:

07/23/2010

(841641)

CN600649685

Classification:

Moderate

Self Report?

NO

For Informational Purposes Only

Citation:

30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.43(c)(8)

Description:

Failure to have tanks at pump station 1 and 4 painted and maintained in

accordance with AWWA standards.

Classification:

Classification:

Classification:

Self Report?

NO

For Informational Purposes Only

Citation:

30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.43(c)(3)

Description:

Failure to provide an overflow that reaches the ground on the 0.036 MG GST at pump station # 3, the 0.100 MG GST at pump station #4, and the 0.045 MG GST

at pump station #6.

2

Date:

12/03/2010

(872890)

CN600649685

Moderate

Self Report?

NO

For Informational Purposes Only

Citation:

30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.46(d)(2)(B)

Description:

Failure to maintain a chlorine residual of 0.5 mg/L (measured as total chlorine).

3

Date:

04/17/2013

(1075085)

CN600649685

Moderate

Minor

Self Report?

NO

For Informational Purposes Only

Citation:

30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.43(c)(8)

Description:

Failure to have tanks at pump station 1 and 4 painted and maintained in

accordance with AWWA standards.

Classification:

Self Report?

For Informational Purposes Only

Citation:

30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.43(c)(3)

Description:

Failure to provide an overflow that reaches the ground on the 0.036 MG GST at pump station # 3, the 0.100 MG GST at pump station #4, and the 0.045 MG GST

at pump station #6.

4

Date:

10/15/2014

(1215525)

CN600649685

Classification:

Moderate

Self Report?

For Informational Purposes Only 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.115(f)(1)

Citation:

Description:

TTHM LRAA MCL 3Q2014 - During the third quarter of 2014 the system violated

the maximum contaminant level for trihalomethanes with a LRAA of .105 mg/L at

10701 HWY 84 183 E (DBP2-01).

5

Date:

12/16/2014

(1215525)

CN600649685

Moderate

Classification:

Classification:

Self Report?

For Informational Purposes Only

Citation:

30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.115(f)(1)

Description:

TTHM LRAA MCL 402014 - During the fourth guarter of 2014 the system violated the maximum contaminant level for trihalomethanes with a LRAA of .106 mg/L at

10701 HWY 84 183 E (DBP2-01).

6

Date:

01/12/2015

NO

(1215818)

CN600649685

Moderate

Self Report?

For Informational Purposes Only

Citation:

30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.110(b)(2)

Description:

Failure to maintain the required minimum disinfection residual.

7

Date:

04/28/2015

(1248130)

CN600649685

Classification:

Moderate

Self Report? NO For Informational Purposes Only

Citation:

30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.115(f)(1)

TTHM LRAA MCL1Q2015 - During the 1st quarter of 2015 the system violated the Description:

maximum contaminant level for trihalomethanes with a LRAA of 0.119 mg/L at

10701 Hwy 84 183E (DBP2-01).

#### Appendix B

#### All Investigations Conducted During Component Period May 13, 2010 and May 13, 2015

Item 1	July 23, 2010**	(841641) For Informational Purposes Only
Item 2	April 17, 2013**	(1075085) For Informational Purposes Only
Item 3	December 16, 2014	(1215525) For Informational Purposes Only
Item 4	December 19, 2014	(1215778) For Informational Purposes Only
Item 5	May 05, 2015	(1248130) For Informational Purposes Only
Item 6	May 08, 2015	(1248211) For Informational Purposes Only

<sup>\*</sup> No violations documented during this investigation

<sup>\*</sup> NOVs applicable for the Compliance History rating period 9/1/2009 to 8/31/2014

<sup>\*\*</sup>Investigation applicable for the Compliance History Rating period between 09/01/2009 and 08/31/2014.

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN	§	BEFORE THE
ENFORCEMENT ACTION	§	
CONCERNING	<b>§</b>	
ZEPHYR WATER SUPPLY	§	TEXAS COMMISSION ON
CORPORATION	§	
RN101205524	§	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

### AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2015-0744-PWS-E

At its	agenda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
("the Commission" or "TC	EQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an
enforcement action regard	ding ZEPHYR WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION (the "Respondent")
under the authority of TEX	K. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 341. The Executive Director of the
TCEQ, through the Enforce	cement Division, and the Respondent presented this agreement to the
Commission.	

The Respondent understands that it has certain procedural rights at certain points in the enforcement process, including, but not limited to, the right to formal notice of violations, notice of an evidentiary hearing, the right to an evidentiary hearing, and a right to appeal. By entering into this Agreed Order, the Respondent agrees to waive all notice and procedural rights.

It is further understood and agreed that this Order represents the complete and fully-integrated settlement of the parties. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable. The duties and responsibilities imposed by this Agreed Order are binding upon the Respondent.

The Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

#### I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent owns and operates a public water system located one mile northwest of Zephyr on Highway 183, Brown County, Texas (the "Facility") that has approximately 1,352 service connections and serves at least 25 people per day for at least 60 days per year.

- 2. During a record review conducted on April 27, 2015, TCEQ staff documented that the locational running annual average concentrations of total trihalomethanes ("TTHM") for Stage 2 disinfection byproducts at Site 1 were 0.105 milligrams per liter ("mg/L") for the third quarter of 2014, 0.106 mg/L for the fourth quarter of 2014, and 0.119 mg/L for the first quarter of 2015.
- 3. The Respondent received notice of the violations on or about May 13, 2015.

#### II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 341 and the rules of the Commission.
- 2. As evidenced by Findings of Fact No. 2, the Respondent failed to comply with the maximum contaminant level ("MCL") of 0.080 mg/L for TTHM, based on the locational running annual average, in violation of 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 290.115(f)(1) and Tex. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.0315(c).
- 3. Pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code § 341.049, the Commission has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against the Respondent for violations of the Texas Water Code and the Texas Health and Safety Code within the Commission's jurisdiction; for violations of rules adopted under such statutes; or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
- 4. An administrative penalty in the amount of Three Hundred Fifty-One Dollars (\$351) is justified by the facts recited in this Agreed Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in Tex. Health & Safety Code § 341.049(b). Three Hundred Fifty-One Dollars (\$351) of the administrative penalty is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order and shall be waived only upon full compliance with all the terms and conditions contained in this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with any requirement contained in this Agreed Order, the deferred amount of the administrative penalty shall become immediately due and payable without demand or notice, and the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred administrative penalty.

#### III. ORDERING PROVISIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ORDERS that:

1. The Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of Three Hundred Fifty-One Dollars (\$351) as set forth in Section II, Paragraph 4 above, for violations of TCEQ rules and state statutes. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order completely resolve the violations set forth by this Agreed Order in this action. However,

the Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective actions or penalties for other violations that are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: ZEPHYR WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION, Docket No. 2015-0744-PWS-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

- 2. It is further ordered that the Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
  - a. Within 90 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, begin negotiating a water purchase contract that will enable the Facility to comply with the MCL for TTHM within 1,095 days of the effective date of this Agreed Order, in accordance with 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 290.45;
  - b. Within 105 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described in Ordering Provision No. 2.k. below to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.a.;
  - c. Within 1,095 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, return to compliance with the MCL for TTHM based on the locational running annual average, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.115; and
  - d. Within 1,110 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described in Ordering Provision No. 2.k. below to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.c.

In lieu of Ordering Provision Nos. 2.a. through 2.d.:

- e. Within 120 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, complete a feasibility study, or update an existing feasibility study, and submit a written report or engineering study conducted by a Texas registered professional engineer regarding the results of the feasibility study to evaluate the necessary corrective actions designed to achieve compliance with the MCL for TTHM. The report shall include a tentative schedule describing additional studies, tests, or other methods that may be utilized for the completion of necessary corrective actions within 1,095 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order. If the Respondent purchases or sells water, a copy of the purchase water contract must be submitted with the feasibility study report or engineering study. The evaluation shall be sent to the addresses in listed in Ordering Provision No. 2.k.;
- f. Within 135 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described in Ordering Provision No. 2.k. below to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.e.;

- g. Within 180 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit an acceptable written plan, including a proposed schedule, to the Executive Director that provides for the completion of an alternate water source or treatment technology to the addresses listed in Ordering Provision No. 2.k.;
- h. Within 180 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, and on a semiannual basis thereafter, submit progress reports to the addresses listed in Ordering Provision No. 2.k. below. These reports shall include information regarding actions taken to provide water which meets the MCL for TTHM;
- i. Within 195 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described in Ordering Provision No. 2.k. below to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.g.;
- j. Within 1,095 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, return to compliance with the MCL for TTHM based on the locational running annual average, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.115; and
- k. Within 1,110 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described below, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.j. The certification shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team Enforcement Division, MC 149A Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Public Drinking Water Section Manager Water Supply Division, MC 155 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

- 3. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
- 4. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
- 5. The Executive Director may refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings without notice to the Respondent if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
- 6. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
- 7. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
- 8. This Agreed Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Agreed Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Agreed Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms "electronic transmission", "owner", "person", "writing", and "written" shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.
- 9. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties. By law, the effective date of this Agreed Order is the third day after the mailing date, as provided by 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 70.10(b) and Tex. Gov't Code § 2001.142.

For the Commission

For the Executive Director

### SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order in the matter of ZEPHYR WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION. I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of ZEPHYR WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION, and do agree to the specified terms and conditions. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.
I understand that by entering into this Agreed Order, ZEPHYR WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION waives certain procedural rights, including, but not limited to, the right to formal notice of violations addressed by this Agreed Order, notice of an evidentiary hearing, the right to an evidentiary hearing, and the right to appeal. I agree to the terms of the Agreed Order in lieu of an evidentiary hearing. This Agreed Order constitutes full and final adjudication by the Commission of the violations set forth in this Agreed Order.
<ul> <li>I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in: <ul> <li>A negative impact on compliance history;</li> <li>Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;</li> <li>Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;</li> <li>Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;</li> <li>Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and</li> <li>TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.</li> </ul> </li> <li>In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.</li> </ul>
Signature Date
Name (Printed or typed) Authorized Representative of ZEPHYR WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION  Title
Instructions: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section at the address in Section III, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.